AS

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-239-C - ORDER NO. 97-1001 NOVEMBER 20, 1997

IN RE: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines) ORDER for an Interstate Universal Service) GRANTING) MOTION IN PART)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) for a Continuance of the hearing in this matter. The grounds for said Motion are, among other things, the fact that the parties have recently received recent revisions in testimony and exhibits from several of the Local Exchange Carriers (LECs).

We grant the Motion in part. The Universal Service

Proceeding will begin as scheduled on November 19, 1997 for the

limited purpose of receiving testimony and allowing

cross-examination of witnesses Varner, Oliver, Sparano, and

Meredith. The hearing will then be recessed until December 17,

1997 at 10:30 AM, at which time we will begin to receive testimony

and cross-examination from the remaining witnesses in this matter.

In addition, with regard to the various Motions to Compel filed by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T) and responses to the Motions, this Commission will receive oral

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argument from the parties involved during the hearing on November 19, 1997.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy

Executive Director

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